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NODE WITH TIME-LIMITED PACKET BUFFERING IN A CENTRAL
QUEUE

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted for the above-referenced patent
application prior to Applicants' receipt of an initial Office Action. Thus, prior to examination of
the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.